

Commonwealth of Virginia

PRIVATE SECURITY SERVICES ADVISORY BOARD

October 25, 2005
Quarterly Meeting Minutes

Held at the Williamsburg Marriott, Williamsburg, Virginia

Call to Order:

At approximately 10:00 a.m., Chair Kevin Hodges called the meeting to order for the Private Security Services Advisory Board (PSSAB)

Opening Remarks:

Chair Kevin Hodges welcomed everyone to the conference and thanked everyone for their participation. Chair Hodges reminded everyone that there were two sign in sheets on the table outside the door, one for Attendance and one for Public Comments.

Attendees:

Chair Kevin Hodges, Vice Chair Dennis VanDuzee, Secretary Christopher DiMartino, Deborah Aylward, Deputy Chief James A. Cervera, Sean Creamer, Stephen Martin, Robert Shuster, Thomas Turner, Connie Higginbotham, Mark Fair, Charles Tobin, Tony Millner and Rafe Wilkinson.

Absent:

Sean Creamer

Approval of Minutes:

Minutes for the June 28, 2005, meeting were reviewed. A motion was made by Christopher DiMartino, seconded by Thomas Turner, to approve the minutes. Minutes were unanimously approved.

DCJS Report:

Ms. Hahn, Section Chief discussed the Annual Report, a copy of which is available in pdf format and downloadable from our website. Additionally, Ms. Hahn reported on the following Private Security Services Section Initiatives.

Initiatives:**Law Enforcement and Private Security Partnership Video**

PSS is working in conjunction with the Virginia Community Policing Institute through a grant from the Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) office to develop a video for national distribution on cooperative relationships between law enforcement and private security as they relate to Homeland Security.

The Homeland Security Grant, State and local Anti-Terrorism Train the Trainer Program trained approximately 50% of the instructors and hopefully, those instructors are now equipped to take that program and continue that training.

There will be a Law Enforcement Private Security Summit and we will give you additional information regarding this function and its success at the December PSSAB meeting.

Law Enforcement Video Orientation to Private Security

In collaboration with the Office of Commonwealth Preparedness, entry-level law enforcement officers will receive a video orientation regarding Virginia's private

security role and responsibilities and the assets that the industry can provide to enhance Virginia's preparedness in homeland security. We believe that this educational effort will improve the overall understanding of the private security field and help to enhance the relationship between law enforcement and private security. Thereby, improving public safety for our citizens of the Commonwealth. I have been advised that you might get a sneak preview on the finished product at our next board meeting in December.

Virginia's Fusion Center and Virginia Critical Information Shared System

Another Homeland Security Initiative was to include the Private Security in Virginia's new Critical Information Shared System as well as their Fusion Center. Licensed private security businesses will have access to homeland security threat level information, public safety information, related criminal alerts and other noteworthy information that might impact their activities. This initiative expands law enforcement resources by utilizing the private security industry. It also increased private security awareness and encourages and enhances interaction between law enforcement and private security.

The Photo Identification Card project has been instituted and going extremely well.

All other initiatives are listed in detail in the Annual Report.

Presentation to DCJS

Steve Demma presented a flag and certificate of authenticity to the DCJS/Private Security Section that had been flown over Camp Delta, Guantanamo Bay, Cuba on September 11, 2005 at 08:09 hours for 9 minutes and 11 seconds in recognition of those who lost their lives in the terrorist attacks on the United States of America and to those who continue to fight in the Global War on Terrorism.

Committee Reports:

Training Committee

Mr. Martin reported that the next meeting of the Training Committee would be the third week in November 2005, date to be announced.

Commonwealth Preparedness

Sean Creamer, chair of the committee was not present.

Legislative Committee

Chair Kevin Hodges will be appointing a Legislative Liaison.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

None

Recognition of Past Board Members

Chair Kevin Hodges presented plaques to Past Board Members, Robert Shuster, Carl Fisher and Mary Kay Wakefield.

Chair Hodges presented a plaque to Brent Fortner recognizing his service as a member and then as Chair of the PSSAB from July 1, 2004 to June 30, 2005.

NEW BUSINESS:

Chair Kevin Hodges introduced Gail Simonton, Executive Director of the National Association of Security Companies.

The National Association of Security Companies went to congress and the Intelligence Reform Act that was adopted in December 2004 that included the Private Security Officer Employment Authorization Act. This is not a mandatory Act and does not mean that all states will necessarily have to fingerprint every security officer, contract and proprietary but for the first time, the U. S. Department of Justice will be overseeing the implementation of this Act which will allow employers to become “Authorized Employers”. A Private Security “Authorized Employer” will be able to submit private security officers’ fingerprints through the state criminal justice information service which in Virginia would be the State Police.

Chair Hodges announced that Board Member and contact information are posted on the Website. Issues, concerns and questions should be brought to the attention of Board Members.

Harold McCann Award:

Mr. Martin presented the Harold McCann Award to George Haudricourt.

Mr. Haudricourt thanked the Board and industry for the recognition.

Public Comment:

None

Adjournment:

There being no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned.

Public Attendees:

There were approximately 220 attendees for the conference, 93 signed in for the PSSAB meeting.